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Cassis bill promoting high-tech development signed into law *Holly and Groveland Townships one step closer with Senate Bill 780*

Lansing – State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, today announced that her legislation allowing townships working in a coordinated effort, as Holly and Groveland townships are, to qualify for certain tax captures was signed into law by the governor last week.

“Our goal is to encourage economic development and job creation. Holly and Groveland townships want to work together and the law should help, not hinder them,” Cassis said. “This is a step in the right direction for Holly and Groveland, and Michigan as well.”

Dale Smith and Bob DePalma, supervisors of Holly and Groveland townships respectively, have coordinated an effort to use the financing to pay for infrastructure (such as water and sewer) to develop an unused gravel pit into a high-tech area, enhancing revenue and producing new jobs.

“This is a great opportunity for two townships to join together to rehabilitate old, dilapidated gravel pits, put them to use and create new quality jobs in Michigan,” DePalma said. “We really appreciate the outstanding job Senator Cassis did with helping us push this through. She really is a driving force when it comes to doing the right things for Michigan.”

Although some local units of government could previously qualify under the Land Development Financing Act, neither Holly nor Groveland met the population requirements to qualify individually.

“This new law will truly foster the relationship between the two communities and bring them one step closer to redeveloping unused property,” said Cassis. “I am proud to have had this opportunity to work with them to achieve economic prosperity in northern Oakland County.”

The law requires that a township have a master plan in effect, be located in a county with a population of at least a million or more and have a written agreement with an adjoining township regarding development.

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